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In re Application of

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For: **ZOOM METHOD OF A DIGITAL CAMERA**

REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Election Requirement dated February 20, applicant elects Species I, Figures 3A and 4 with traverse for further prosecution on the merits. The Election Requirement states that claims 1-23 are generic to both species. At least claims 24-34 also correspond to the elected Species I. Thus, applicant respectfully request examination of Species I, claims 1-34.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the

merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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